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Remarks

Claims 11 to 14 are cancelled and claims 15 to 18 are added. Claims 1 to 10 and 15 to 18 are pending in this application of which claims 1, 8 and 15 to 18 are in independent form.

Claims 15 to 18 include all of the features of claims 1 and 8 and are further limited in that the desired value for the speed is changed by a pregiven step width with a one-time actuation of the operator-controlled element and that this step width is set in dependence upon the instantaneous actual speed or in dependence upon the permissible highest speed of the roadway just then traveled by the vehicle. In this way, claims 1 to 10 and 15 to 18 have in common the generic feature according to which a desired value for the speed is changed by actuation of an operator-controlled element and the extent of the change of the desired value is adjusted in dependence upon at least one piece of information as to an instantaneous driving situation of the vehicle.

It is noted in the applicants' remarks in the amendment filed on April 22, 2006, that these features are those which define subject matter of the present application over United States Patent 6,675,081 (Shuman et al).

Reconsideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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